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To: Unit Presidents Department Executive Committee
 District Chairmen Hospital Representatives & Deputies
 Department Chairmen Past Department Presidents

The enclosed information is to be distributed to Unit Chairmen and shared with all members. This month's Bulk mail is an electronic version that will be emailed out to those who have email addresses on file at Department. Additionally it will be posted on the Department Website: www.alaohio.org under the resources tab.

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- ✓ Membership Processing Update #2 – *Membership Chairman*
- ✓ National Security– *National Security Chairman*
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Sincerely,

Katie

Katie Wainwright
Department Secretary/Treasurer

AMERICANISM

Remember Tuesday, November 2, 2010 is Election Day. PLEASE VOTE! Your opinion matters and our special guest from School of Instructions, Susan B. Anthony, wants you to know that your vote was hard-earned and is your legacy to your community! Check out <http://www.uselections.com/oh/oh.htm> for a complete listing of state-wide and district elections for your area. There is also a link for your local area information. Election Day is also a recognized date to fly your American flag – help remind others to vote by flying the Flag.

Please remember to fly your flag on November 11th to honor our Veterans and also on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th.

I have received a few questions about this year's Consolidated Report and the Buckeye Girls State section. This year, our National organization wants our Girls State delegates to participate in programs that have an impact on our veterans. With that in mind, the Consolidated Report asks for the number of veterans served and the hours of service to veterans. As our Buckeye Girls State program prepares for this year, we will receive more information about our service program for veterans. This will make completing the Consolidate Report easier. Please remember that the Department of Ohio is continuing to ask you to complete your "green reports". There are other questions about BGS and other Americanism activities that will be reported on the "green report" that is not specifically included in the Consolidated Report.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 440-885-0781.

Barbara Benz
Department of Ohio
Americanism Chairman

Auxiliary Emergency Fund - Members Helping Members



We are getting into the swing of things and I have already heard of some events that will benefit the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. When you determine the amount of money you have made at your event or how much you are able to donate, you may add this amount to the 2010-2011 DONATION DESIGNATION FORM. It is the second category down, right after AMERICANISM.

If during the year, you wish to donate to this fund and have already sent in your "Donor Designation Form", you may send it separately to Department of Ohio with a note designating the charity. Be sure to include your Unit Name, Number and District number so that you get full credit for the donation. If you have given enough (\$25.00) to get a AEF pin, please note these will be sent out in July, at the end of the organizational year. **DO NOT** send any money to me. It must be sent to American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio.

At School of Instructions, I talked about trying for the Corporate Dollar. Do you have a local Wal-Mart, Home Depot or some other business in town that might be willing to help out this fund? Is there a company, plant or corporation in your town or county? Is someone in your Unit related to someone in charge of such things? Let us try to spend some money other than our own. Our members are so generous about giving. Perhaps we can use our enthusiasm to get others to help out. It is a great cause.

Some of you have informed me you will be giving \$.40 a member since this is the 40th anniversary of this Fund. A dollar a member would be greater if we try to fit it in with the motto of our National President "The Power of One". One person can make a difference, for good or for evil. Please make it for the good of others.

Be alert to any member of your Unit who would be eligible to receive a contribution from this fund. Remember, we are not only adding to the amount to be given, but also looking for eligible receivers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS- requirement based on years?

ANSWER: If your current membership card reads 3 years of continuous membership, or more, you are eligible

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I NEVER INCLUDE ON MY APPLICATION?

ANSWER: Your Social Security Number

WHAT PAPER WORK IS REQUIRED?

ANSWER: See "Before you begin filling out the AEF Application" located at legion-aux.org

Pat Dunlevy, AEF Chairman, Department of Ohio

WHISPERS IN THE WIND #2

This past month I have received several phone calls and notes from some of our new unit chaplains. It is so enlightening to speak with all the different women holding this amazing position. Hearing their ideas on how they hope to serve their units in this new capacity is exciting. The one thing many of these chaplains said in our talk, though, was “I am only a simple woman. I don’t know if I can achieve my goals and ideas for my unit.”

This reminded me of Lois from the bible. We read in 2 Timothy 1:5, “I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother, Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.” These were the words of Paul written to Timothy. Lois was Timothy’s grandmother. When she first believed, she probably never thought she was starting a spiritual legacy. But she passed her faith on to her daughter, Eunice. As they went on their daily lives, these two women powerfully impacted the man whom the apostle Paul would see as a surrogate son and a partner in spreading God’s word.

I see our chaplains as Paul saw Lois. You are never “just a woman” or “just a mother, grandmother, auxiliary member, etc”. Yours is an important role that influences many lives—the lives of your family, unit members, the veterans you encounter, and the community which you serve. How many of our young juniors’ lives will you touch by your faithful examples? Yours will be a legacy of faith. Don’t be afraid of this—embrace it and let it shine.

One way to uplift your unit meetings is to make sure the bible is present at all meetings. The Legion family motto is FOR GOD and COUNTRY. Let’s keep His word first and foremost in all decisions made for our veterans and their families. If your meeting has some rancor, open the book—read a passage on peacemakers. No unit bible? Invite members to bring their personal bible to the next meeting. The purchase of a unit bible as a memorial to a deceased member would be lovely. What about presenting your Commander with an inscribed bible for the Legion’s meetings?

Ladies, you can set the tone for your meetings and events with your opening prayers. As we are all striving to show we are “High on Patriotism” let’s lift our prayers like tiny balloons upwards.....like Whispers In the Wind.....

I pray these words speak to your heart and bring you God’s blessing.

For God and Country,

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LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

By Mona Shipley, Legislative Chairman

How do we find out how the Congress works?

How do we find out what The American Legion wants us to support?

How do we find out who to contact to get that support?

How do we track voting records of our legislators?

How do we follow-up to thank our legislators for their efforts?

Effective contact can be made by face-to-face conversation, phone, letter, FAX, E-mail, or social networking. The following are resources to assist your contact:



Call toll free to the Capitol Switchboard: 1-877-851-6437, 1-800-828-0498, or 1-800-614-2803. Ask for the office you would like to speak to. You can also request that one office transfer you to the next office. Most staff members are happy to do so.

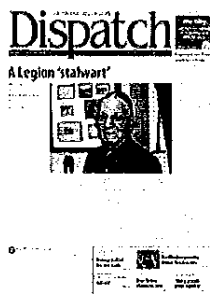


Legislative Handbook (\$6.00 per 100 copies)

"How a Thought Becomes a Bill - How a Bill Becomes a Law" (\$9.00 per 100). From TAL National Legislative Commission at 1608 K Street NW in Washington, DC 20006



Congress at Your Fingertips. Organized by state delegation, this directory offers biographical data, photos and contact information. Available for \$18.00 at 703-550-9500 or 877-827-3321 or <http://publishing.cgrollcall.com>



The American Legion *Dispatch* covers a wide variety of issues and topics essential to effective post leadership. Information on membership, legislative initiatives, awards, calendars and ideas about what other successful posts are doing around the country can be found each month in the *Dispatch*. The American Legion now offers an electronic alternative to the leadership newspaper of the National Headquarters. Print subscribers to the *Dispatch* may elect to receive the publication in a dynamic new electronic format rather than wait for it in the mail. Access The American Legion Web Site at www.legion.org/media/subscribe or call 317-630-1298; the cost is \$15 per year.



The American Legion Auxiliary Legislative Advocacy Guide – advocacy, relationship building and communication. Download at www.legion-aux.org or contact your Department for a hard copy.

- For a complete list of E-mail addresses and fax numbers for Congress, the Senate, governors and state legislators, visit www.conservativeusa.org/mega-cong.htm
- www.leadershipdirectories.com is a guide to federal agencies and governmental offices.
- Go to The American Legion (<http://www.legion.org/>) Home Page. Scroll down to the Legislative Action box; clicking here will allow you to access the INFO CENTER which houses Legislative Testimony, Legislative Agenda, Point Papers and Priority Sheets, 2010 Legislative Intent, Resolutions and Resources. Resources leads you to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Contact your congressman

In addition, you can click on STAY CONNECTED to track bills in D.C. or contact your congressman, SIGN UP for the Legislative E-Newsletter, or enter your ZIP code to E-mail The President, your Senators, and/or Congressman.

- Go to the American Legion Auxiliary Web Site (<http://www.legion-aux.org>) to sign up for e-News for the latest updates on how the American Legion Auxiliary serves veterans, their families and their communities.



Membership

October 2010

Vi Grzybowski, Chairman

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“Traveling State Route 1 for Membership”

The year of change and the year of patience. This is our membership year so far. While all the district Presidents have packed their bags, started their cars and began their travels thru their districts, unfortunately the processing of the membership needs a tune up. Department Membership Chairman is doing everything in her powers to get reports to us on a timely basis but the National site needs more gas.

Units are doing a fantastic job with the round-ups and getting their dues into department in good order. We had a surprising number of units participating in the School of Instructions turn in; with 271 Units turning in 72.21% of needed membership. My four day travel across Ohio on the Legion Riders, Legion, SAL and Auxiliary membership round up took me to visit 19 Posts and Units with over 813 memberships collected then. We traveled 1,043.8 miles and stayed in 4 different hotels. 20 Units met us along the route 1 for membership and District 9, Unit 700 turned in 54.17% of their needed goal. Since that time District Presidents have had membership turn-ins at their fall conferences with other incentives. Thank you all for working so hard to get the membership started.....and for overloading Heather, the Department Membership Clerk.

Many Units may not have received Katie's email on the biggest problem this year with the processing. The Department staff is doing everything in their powers to "get caught up" and keep "us informed". Here is just a portion of her email: *“Yes the process for membership is much much slower than it has been in the past. I realize the reports are behind, however for accuracy sake and because we are dealing with dues it is important for us to maintain accurate accountability. Currently only three people can be in the system at one time. Additionally, we are running the new system and the old system so we can have accurate reports as National has not yet allowed us the capability to set up reports by region or districts. So in order for us to provide a district report we have to input all information in our old system as well and this is manually. Additionally, because the Host Server(NATIONAL) is not big enough to host this system, the system is very slow and it locks up quite often. When 1100 hits and the west coast comes online the system almost comes to a screeching halt. In order to counter that myself and one other will be adjusting schedules to come in earlier to work on the system during the early morning hours a few days a week.*

If a Unit qualifies for a membership award we will be keeping track. We have all dues dated and know when they were received so we will know if they qualify for an award.”

We need to retain our members by having a little fun. Hold a dinner and encourage your member to pay their dues at that time. Maybe if they bring in a new member, give the new member a free dinner. Be sure to take the extra time to greet the new members and show them all the fun and good things we do for our community and veterans. "The Power of One" one member will bring two who will bring four and so on. One person can make such a huge difference.

Keep our members "High on Patriotism" with your programs and encourage Flag Etiquette at all meetings and gatherings.

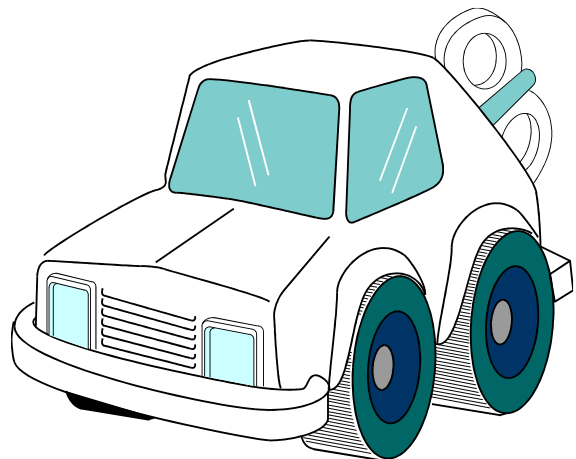
National is behind on their reporting also, so I can't even enlighten you where the state stands in membership. It would be unfair to try to tell where districts are because the official report is from Sept 17, 2010 and an unofficial report of October 9, 2010. There is such a difference, I will report next month.

Next Milestone #2 70% by November 11, 2010

Remember Incentive #3, #4 and #5 has deadlines of December 31st. Why not beat those deadline dates and surpass the goals now!

Congratulations to the following units for reaching 60% by the Fall School of Instructions turn-in: District 1, Units 511 & 545; District 2, Unit 571; District 3, Units 174 & 741; District 4 Unit 520; District 6, Unit 804; District 8 Unit 81; District 9, Units 301 & 504; District 10, Units 221 & 432; District 11, Unit 495; district 12, Unit 690; District 14, Units 271 & 803. A special Congratulations to District 6, Unit 804 for achieving goal (116.66%) First in the state. Keep up the great work!

Keep "Traveling State Route 1 for
Membership" and let's make Ohio a Goal state
this year.



UPDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES 2011
PLEASE GIVE THIS TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMANS

UPDATE #2

- **Member Data Forms are no longer a 3 part carbon copy they are 1 sheet, so if your unit keeps a copy please make sure you make your copy before sending to department.**
- **Please on future Rosters highlight the ID number and name of the person that you are paying for as well as making the checkmarks.**

I'm sorry for any inconveniences.

Thanks,

Heather Amspaugh

Department of Ohio Membership Clerk

National Security

Vicky Buck, Chairman
Department of Ohio

We are going to keep busy this year working the National Security Program. At School of Instructions, I was asked about several things that were not included in the Plan of Action. Enclosed you will find the information.

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS – go to the website www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com and click on the section “Donate a Phone.” In this section there are buttons to click to get a free postage-paid shipping label. On this website you are also able to donate money, help you “erase” everything on your phone before you donate it and even get more information about this program. Check it out! If you need this information as a paper document, contact me and I will send it to you.



COUPON CLIPPING FOR THE MILITARY – go to the website <http://www.ocpnet.org/> and click on “Home” to find out about this program. It is a program that serves military families by assisting you to forward manufacturer’s coupons to overseas military bases. There is a specific way you need to send them and you need to sign up. They have a **long** list of bases that are in need of coupons. If I get information that lists local bases needing coupons, I will forward that information. If you need this information as a paper document, contact me and I will send it to you.



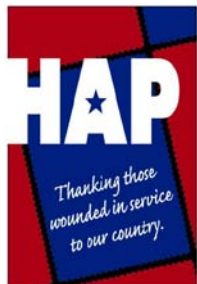
CERT PROGRAM – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – September was the time to think about becoming a volunteer for your local CERT – Community Emergency Response Team, but it is not too late. In Ohio, contact David O’Reilly, Ohio Community Service Council, 51 N. High Street, Suite 800, Columbus, OH 43215 – his email is david.oreilly@ocsc.state.oh.us. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. Consider what role you would be able to do and get out there and help your communities. Go to the website <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/> for more information and lots of other resources.



YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM – this program provides Service members and their families with valuable information before, during and after deployments. Through Yellow Ribbon Events, Service members can gain access to a wealth of services and knowledge that can help them prepare and handle their deployment. Sponsor Yellow Ribbon Events in your area in conjunction with your local National Guard Units. The holidays are getting closer so let’s not forget our Service members and the families that are left behind. Work with your local National Guard Units to sponsor a Yellow Ribbon Event in your community. For suggestions on things you can do, go to <http://www.yellowribbon.mil> or www.jointservicesupport.org/YRRP for more information.



OTOBER RISFAC Meetings (Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee) – attached is a separate flyer with the dates for all meetings in Ohio. Consider attending your Region’s meeting and find out what the American Legion Auxiliary can do to help these families. We are a community partner and we are able to help by becoming involved in the lives of these Service members and their families.



HAP – Handmade Afghan Project – this is Ohio’s National Security project to help our wounded military who are in hospitals or transition units recovering from injury while serving our country. I have had many questions about where to turn in rectangles? when to turn in rectangles? how many does each person have to make? why are we not making whole afghans? what is a “Put Together Event - PTE”? what if our District doesn’t do a PTE? Here are the answers you are all waiting for!! Please bring all rectangles to Mid-Winter Conference that is in January, 2011. I will have a table and all

rectangles can be dropped off there. Please be sure that you have put a tag on them to identify who made them. If you are not attending give your rectangles to your District President or other Unit member so that she may bring to me. You may make one or more. There is no set number that you “have” to make. We are working together as a Department with our goal being 10 afghans per District. Each afghan takes 49 rectangles to complete. The idea behind making rectangles was that many people have helped to make this afghan special for the wounded Service member that will receive it. The “PTE” or “Put Together Event” is when I bring all the rectangles, sorted by color to a District and we design and crochet the afghans together. This will be an all day event and several are already scheduled. You will need lots of volunteers to get this done. Involve your Juniors, your SAL and Legion members in the PTE. Many of the men designed the most beautiful afghans! Each District is encouraged to have a Unit host a PTE; however, Districts may work together with members attending other District PTE’s. Unit members may attend a PTE in any District. Knitting or crocheting rectangles is a great way to involve those “shut-in” members that are unable to get out to meetings or help out at dinners or other events. They are able to play an important role in an activity that is helping our wounded soldiers.

PTE Dates: March 26, 2011 District 5 – Unit 12 – Elyria
 April 2, 2011 District 1 – Unit 3 – Findlay
 May 7, 2011 District 12 – TBD – **THIS WILL BE THE LAST ONE
AS I WANT TO GET THEM ALL MAILED BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY.**

There are many ways you can help with the National Security Program in your Unit. Get involved in something and report your efforts. If you have any questions, please call me, e-mail me or snail mail me. I want to help you have a wonderful year with National Security.



Vicky Buck
National Security Chairman
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Is your unit preparing to deploy? Are you a community partner who is looking to support local Troops? Come join members of the 37th Brigade Combat Team and other Ohio Military units as they discuss their pending deployments at the October RISFAC meeting.

The **Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee (RISFAC)** is a place where community partners and military units may join forces. RISFAC's provide a forum for military leadership and Family Readiness staff and volunteers to inter-act and discuss their unit's initiatives and concerns with supportive community partners. If you are with a unit that is currently deployed, returning from deployment or preparing to deploy, or a concerned community partner please see the locations below for the next RISFAC meeting in your area.

REGION 1: October 28, 2010 6:30pm
Veteran's Service Commission of Summit County
1060 E. Waterloo Rd. Akron OH 44306

REGION 2: October 20, 2010 6:00pm
Ross County Service Center Conference Room A
475 Western Avenue, Chillicothe, OH 45601

REGION 3: October 26, 2010 6:30pm
Woodlawn Community Center
10050 Woodlawn Blvd, Cincinnati OH 45215

REGION 4: October 19, 2010 6:30pm
Dayton Area American Red Cross
370 W. First St, Dayton OH 45402

REGION 5: October 14, 2010 6:30pm
Richland County Red Cross Chapter
39 North Park, Mansfield OH 44902

REGION 6: October 20, 2010 6:30pm
4-H Youth Development Building (OSU Campus)
2201 Fred Taylor Rd. Columbus OH 43210

For more information on the Ohio RISFAC's please call (800) 589-9914.

CICINNATI VA NEED LIST

DITTY BAGS – 8” X 12” WITH DRAW STRING CLOSURE

NYLON BATH SPONGES

BIG COMBS AND HAIR BRUSHES

POSTAGE STAMPS AND BLANK CARDS

MEN AND LADIES SOCKS

BIG PRINT WORD SEARCH AND SUDUKO

OTHER ITEMS THAT CAN BE USE;

DENTURE CREAM AND TOOTH PASTE

ALCOHOL FREE MOUTHWASH

LOTION

BATH GEL/WASH

HAND SANITIZER

PLAYING CARDS

PLEASE DO NOT SEND NO PERFUMES, STYLING GEL, AFTER SHAVE OR HAAIRSPRAY BECAUSE OF ALCOHOL CONTENT.



**COLUMBUS VA AMBULATORY CARE CENTER
WISH LIST**

Bus Passes (Day Passes)

Phone Cards

Homeless Veteran Program

Coffee/Snacks

Ditty Bags

Ensure (Oncology)

Towels/Wash Clothes

Haircut Vouchers

Laundry Tokens

Gas Cards

Laundry Detergent (Trial Size)

Duffel Bags

Food Vouchers (Local Fast Food or Restaurants)

Underware (Assorted sizes)

Socks

T-shirts (Assorted sizes)

Smoking Cessation class Supplies (Ice Breaker Gum, Sugar Free Hard Candy, Sugar Free Snackwells)

Thank you and may God bless you for helping our wounded warriors.

DONATION LIST FOR OHIO VETERANS HOME

June Downs

Ohio Veterans Home

3416 Columbus Avenue

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Combs	Toothpaste	Denture Adhesive
Baby Oil	Hand Soap (Liquid)	Hand Lotion
Denture brushes	Kleenex	Denture Cleaner
Mouthwash *	Deodorant (spray/roll on)	Shaving soap, cream/lotion
Chapstick	Shampoo	Nail Clippers
Bar Soap		

***ALCOHOL FREE No Hotel Samples Please**

Paint by number	Board games	Model Kits- Cars, planes etc
Paper & Pens	Wall Clocks,	Craft Kits
Books on Tape	CD's, DVD's	Pinochle cards

Please, please, please...we don't have room for books, puzzles, magazines, or lap robes. We most certainly appreciate the thought, but we just don't have the space! If conditions would change, you will be notified.

DONATIONS FOR GEORGETOWN

Pat Michalski

Ohio Veterans Home

2003 Veterans Blvd.

Georgetown, Ohio 45121

*Adopt-A-Vet Program, support for residents without income

*Monetary donations to support gasoline purchases for activities & special trips

*Books of postage stamps for mailing cards to loved ones

*Prizes for bingo games - \$50/month

Combs

Toothpaste

Denture Adhesive

Baby Oil

Hand Soap (Liquid)

Hand Lotion

Mouthwash*

Deodorant (Spray/roll on)

Denture Cleaner

Denture brushes

Kleenex

Chapstick

Shampoo

Nail Clippers

Bar Soap

Shaving soap, cream/lotion

*ALCOHOL FREE

Paint by Number

Board games

Model kits-Cars, planes, etc

Paper & pens

Craft Kits

Books on Tape

CD's, DVD's

Pinochle cards

***PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO OVH COMMITTEE AND DESIGNATE WHICH FUND YOU ARE CONTRIBUTING TOO. IF NOT IT WILL BE PLACED IN GENERAL FUND TO BE USED AS NEEDED.**

LOUIS STOKES
VA HOSPITAL

WADE PARK
WISH LIST

Razors (2 edges please)

Sugar Free Gum

Shaving cream

Puzzle Books (crossword

Toothbrushes
and Sudoku)

Toothpaste

Word Search Books (if

Mouthwash

Deodorant

Lotion

Shampoo

Baby Powder

Combs

Brushes

Socks (white, ex. Large too)

Hard Candy

Tootsie Rolls

Gum (they love Big Red & Winter-
green)

Sugar Free Candy

Sugar Free Gum

Puzzle Books (crossword & Sudoku)

Word Search Books (if you can find
large print for both they are always
appreciated)

Magazines for Men (sports, fishing,
hunting, racing car)in good condition
does not matter if old

Ditty Bags

Lap Robes

Wheel Chair Bags – sturdy material in
prints and solid, Remember these are
mostly for men.

Thank You ladies of the Auxiliary.

You can always come through for
these wounded warriors.

UNIT DEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION
Karen Kaczmarek, Chairman

I wanted to address some of the frequently asked questions. I hope these answers will help Unit Presidents and Unit members who have asked these questions to me.

Can a Unit President take part in a discussion while presiding?

- a. The president takes no part in any discussion while presiding; refrains from expressing a personal opinion on questions before the house; avoids all personal bias when giving information to the organization.

Can the Unit President Vote?

- a. The president should call upon the Vice President to preside if she wishes to speak on motion or leave the chair. She will remain out of chair until the vote on pending motion is taken. She may vote according to local Bylaws. (This can be found in the current Unit Handbook pg. 48)

Who reads the Communications?

- a. The Secretary reads all communications from Department and National Headquarters, local organization notices and matters of general interest. Any action, which may arise from the reading, is deferred until unfinished business or new business is considered. (refer to pg.50 of Unit Handbook)

As we remain **High on Patriotism**, let's work together as the **Power of One** to make our Units better than ever and let us demonstrate **Service Not Self** in all activities and interaction with others.

Are you ready for Christmas?
Do you have all your gifts for under the tree?

What about stocking gifts?
Do you have something ready for an exchange gift if one comes up at the last minute?



If not, how about a patriotic American Legion Auxiliary charm bracelet for that special daughter, grand (or great-grand) daughter; perhaps one for the Junior Auxiliary member in your life.

These gifts are inexpensive and sized to fit; charms can be chosen from a large selection to match the personality of the recipient.

The basic bracelet (18 links of either all silver (\$5) or silver trimmed in gold) for \$10, and all charms are priced at \$5 each. Go to the Dept of Ohio web-site (www.alaohio.org) and click on resources, forms, charm order: ** Double click on the charms shown and see them up close and in better detail. Start with the ALA emblem, add the service branch that represents your eligibility (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard). From there you can choose Ohio charms (Ohio flag, cardinal), patriotic (US flag, Support our Troops, POW/MIA or whimsical (flag waving bear, black motorcycle, etc.).

Download the order form from the ALA web-site, or you can call ALA Dept office in Zanesville (740) 452-8245 and place your order over the phone. Either way, your bracelet can be mailed to you for a flat fee of \$3.50 or (if you prefer) it can be delivered to you (at no cost) at the next Dept function (Mid-Winter for example).

ALA emblem, Pray for our Troops, Cardinal, US flag



Twin towers, USA, Bear with a Heart, Patriotic Heart



Blue Star Banner, Poppy, Ohio flag, Black motorcycle



US Navy, Coast Guard, US Marine Corps



Support our Troops, POW/MIA, US Army



US Air Force, Army National Guard

